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SUBJ: ALLEGED PLOTTING BY CUBAN EXILE ORLANDO BOSCH

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1. IN REPLY PARA SIX REFTTEL, MARIO SANDOVAL ALARCON IS VICE PRESIDENT OF GUATEMALA AND DIRECTOR GENERAL NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT (MLN), WHICH IS LARGEST SINGLE PARTY IN GUATEMALAN CONGRESS AND MEMBER LOOSE COALITION OF PRO-GOVERNMENT PARTIES. MLN IS DESCENDENT OF POLITICAL MOVEMENT FOUNDED BY CARLOS CASTILLO ARMAS IN 1954 AND IS STRONGLY, IDEOLOGICALLY, CONSERVATIVE. MLN FREQUENTLY SENDS REPRESENTATIVES TO WORLD ANTI-COMMUNIST CONGRESSES.

2. ROBERTO ARANA ESPANA IS SONE OF FORMER PRESIDENT (1970-74) GENERAL CARLOS ARANA AND HAS CLOSE PERSONAL AND BUSINESS TIES TO LEADING CUBAN EXILES IN GUATEMALA SUCH AS DOMINGO MOREIRA AND GERARDO SAMPEDRO. SAMPEDRO WAS WITH ROBERTO ARANA DURING NEARLY SUCCESS-

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FUL ATTEMPT ON ARANA'S LIFE IN JULY BY UNKNOWN

PERSONS. MANO BLANCO WAS CLANDESTINE EXTREME RIGHTIST ORGANIZATION ACTIVE DURING ARANA PRESIDENCY WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR NUMEROUS ACTS OF RIGHTIST TERRORISM. ALL FOREGOING MAY BE CONVEYED TO FONMIN WILLS.

3. BEGIN FYI. BOTH SANDOVAL AND ARANA WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF IT NOT DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANY MANO BLANCO ACTIVITIES. MANO BLANCO HAS NOT BEEN HEARD OF SINCE 1974 WHEN INCOMING PRESIDENT LAUGERUD STOPPED GOVERNMENT SUPPORT OF EXTRA-LEGAL TERRORIST GROUPS. SOME PRIVATE RIGHT-WING TERRORISM CONTINUES TO TAKE PLACE WITHOUT GOG SUPPORT, BUT ON MUCH SMALLER SCALE.

4. USG AGENCIES IN GUATEMALA HAVE NO INFORMATION TO CONFIRM SANDOVAL OR ARANA SUPPORT TO ORLANDO BOSCH BUT IT WOULD NOT BE OUT OF CHARACTER. END FYI.
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